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AD = APPROVAL DENIED T = TABLED

NA = NO ACTION RA = REMOVED FROM AGENDA

D = DEFERRED I = INTRODUCED

R = REFERRED RW = REQUEST WITHDRAWN

O = OTHER

AGENDA FOR A REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKY MOUNT HELD MONDAY, JUNE 11, 2018 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE GEORGE W. DUDLEY CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER OF THE FREDERICK E. TURNAGE MUNICIPAL BUILDING

- 1. Meeting Called to Order by the Mayor.
- 2. Prayer.
- 3. Administration of Oath to Recently Appointed City Councilmember, Richard Joyner, by the Honorable Quentin T. Sumner, Senior Resident Superior Court Judge, Seventh Judicial District, and Seating of Ward 3 Councilmember.
- 4. Roll Call by the City Clerk.
- A~ 5. Approval of the Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the City Council Held May 14, 2018.
 - 6. Presentation and Recognition:
 - Presentation of Proclamation Proclaiming the Week of June 24-30, 2018 as Stormwater Awareness Week in the City of Rocky Mount to Public Works and Water Resources Director Jonathan Boone

Recommended Action: Make Presentation.

7. Petitions to be Received from the Public.

Lige Daughtridge -

- spoke in support of the recommended engineering study, but he said he feels the findings will show the City's infrastructure is widely in need of repair with a price tag close to or surpassing the cost of the Event Center;
- said citizens cannot afford increases in taxes;
- expressed concerns relative to parking relative to parking for the Event Center and cost of a pedestrian bridge;
- expressed concerns relative to the need for market rate housing in the Downtown

Ron Greene – introduced the Boys and Girls Club 2018 Youth of the Year, Charisma Cooper, and thanked the Council for its support. *Charisma Cooper* – spoke about the opportunities that organizations such the Boys and Girls Club provide and thanked the Council for its support of the organization. She told the Council she now attends Pitt Community College.

Mae Parker -

- requested assistance next year on Memorial Day in placing flags on the graves of veterans;
- thanked the Council for supporting Juneteenth and reported on the actions of the Community Empowerment organization

Gloria Wiggins-Hicks -

• stated she is here as a member of the Edgecombe Community College Board of Trustees and requested the Board be included in further discussions relative to Downtown development and properties owned by the college on Tarboro Street

Morrie Minges -

- stated she is worried about litter in Rocky Mount;
- said the meeting relative to "Community Conversations" went well, but questioned how much the facilitator is being paid;

James McFarlin -

• complained that a house he received through a donation was recently demolished by the City without his consent and he is advised he will be billed in excess of \$11,000; he noted the house had burned

Randy Adcox -

- noted he had been asked by others to speak at this meeting;
- stated the Event Center is looking good and he hopes it will be profitable;
- questioned the plan for the church in the Event Center parking lot and noted he knows the City does not own it;
- questioned who voted for/against a pay raise for Councilmembers;
- stated the "Community Conversation" meeting was good and inquired if a citizen can attend multiple meetings; and
- questioned if the parking deck and a pedestrian bridge will be excluded from the budget

Catherine Dowdy -

 requested that parking of commercial vehicles in residential neighborhoods be permitted for ongoing property repairs at private residences

Johnny Cunningham -

- welcomed incoming Councilmember Richard Joyner;
- acknowledged the help of WHIG and the Rocky Mount Telegram for helping the ReGroup be recognized by the business community;
- thanked Turn Key Contractors for employing participants of the ReGroup;
- stated Councilmembers need to look at how they are spending tax funds;
- noted instead of spending tax money to demolish houses, the money should be paid to nonprofits to make improvements in impoverished neighborhoods

Brenda Cooper -

- stated she lives in the South Rocky Mount community and is an advocate for all good in the community, especially the Community Center
- told the Council she has learned of programing planned (the Heroes Program) for the Community Center that would displace current programing and said she is strongly opposed to such programing;
- reiterated her concern relative to roof on a warehouse in Ward 3 on South Church Street which is in disrepair and poses a danger to the community

Samuel Battle -

- welcomed incoming Councilmember Richard Joyner;
- spoke about crime and the lack of jobs in the City;
- stated there is nothing for kids in Wards 2, 3, and 4 to do

Bronson Williams

- voiced concern relative to the City Council appointment process;
- welcomed Councilmember Richard Joyner;
- stated the park in Ward 3 is in dire need of a facelift and suggested it needs a walking trail, Wi-Fi and a small building where kids can go and feel safe;
- he said the City needs more people to move here and increased property values and tax base

Debrah Parker

- voiced concern for the addition of high level jobs in the budget stating "worker bees" need jobs;
- stated if property values were higher taxes would increase;
- asked that Council reconsider increasing its salary by 7.6% and noted the planned increase seems out of line

Charles Chambliss

• questioned the procedure relative to Council work sessions and stated the Council should look for ways to better inform the community on matters for discussion in work sessions

Stanley King -

- told the Council a property at 538 Center Street demolished by the City in January was his deceased father's project and the family does not have the \$10,000 to pay demolition cost;
- noted the property had burned prior to the demolition;
- asked if there is a way to come to a compromise

James Tharrin -

- congratulated Councilmember Joyner on his appointment;
- spoke in support of the ordinance preventing parking of industrial equipment in residential neighborhoods and stated it brings down property values; this is a constant problem on property next to his home

Troy Davis

- thanked Councilmembers for being available to him and spoke in support of an increase in salary for them;
- stated the Community Appeals Board should make recommendations relative to demolition rather than City staff;
- spoke in support of a property owner on Lafayette having industrial equipment on their property saying they are making home repairs

8. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Consideration of the Following Temporary Street Closing:
- Consideration of Request for Temporary Street Closing from Orah Pierce, Jr., United Friendship Church, to close the 1200 Block of Scott Street and Mercedes Street (runs along the left side of the church) from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 23, 2018 for their Community Block Party.
- B. Consideration of the Following Tax Releases and/or Refunds:
- Schedule A Report of taxes under \$100 approved for release and/or refund by the City Manager; and
- Schedule B Report of taxes over \$100 recommended for release and/or refund by the City Council
- C. Consideration of Adoption of the Following FY 2017-2018 Project Ordinance:
- Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant (appropriates grant funds from the U. S. Department of Justice for the purchase of bulletproof vests for the Police Department (\$2,938 plus local match = \$5,876)

D. FIREWORKS DISPLAYS:

- 1. Request from Englewood Baptist Church to Conduct a Fireworks Display on Church Property at 1350 South Winstead Avenue on Wednesday, July 4, 2018 Event Time Approximately 9:15 p.m. (*Alternate date July 5, 2018*); and
- 2. Request from The City of Rocky Mount to Conduct a Fireworks Display at 300 Barnum Road (Sports Complex) on Tuesday, July 3, 2018 Event Time 9 p.m. (*Alternate date July 10*, 2018).
- A~ Recommended Action: Approve Consent Agenda (inclusive of approval of temporary street closings, tax releases, adoption of ordinance and approval of fireworks displays).
 - 9. **Public Hearing** Relative to the Proposed Budget for FY 2018-19.
- *O~ Recommended Action: Receive Public Comment.
 - * Public Hearing Continued Until June 25, 2018 City Council Meeting

10. Consideration of the Minutes and Recommendations from Regular Scheduled Planning Board Meetings held April 10, 2018 and May 8, 2018:

*Overview of request(s) and recommendation(s) by the Interim Director of Development Services or his designee

- **A. Public Hearing** Relative to the Following Land Development Code Amendments Recommended for Approval and found in Compliance with the Comprehensive Plan by the Planning Board:
- Amends definition of "Recreational vehicle" and adds the term "Recreational vehicle park" to definitions and Table 5-2, and further amends Chapter 5 to outline the zoning special use permit standards and conditions therefor
- *D~ Recommended Action: Acknowledge Receipt of Planning Board Minutes and Adopt Ordinance.
 - *Public Hearing Continued and Consideration Deferred Until June 25, 2018 City Council Meeting
 - 11. **Public Hearing** Relative to the Preliminary Assessment Roll Prepared to Recover Costs Incurred by the City in Connection with Housing Code Enforcement on the Following Properties:
 - a. 512 Arlington Street
 - b. 1233 Barnes Street
 - c. 821 Beal Street
 - d. 538 Center Street
 - e. 1226 SW Main Street
 - f. 1332 Maple Street
 - g. 505 Pender Street
 - h. 801 Pender Street
 - i. 1517 Tadlock Street
 - i. 117 N Tillery Street
 - k. 511 S Washington Street
- A~ Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution Confirming Assessments.
 - 12. Consideration of Minutes and Recommendations from a Regular Scheduled Committee of the Whole Meeting Held May 14, 2018:
 - 1) Consideration of Ward Three Councilmember Appointment *Richard Joyner recommended for appointment;*
 - 2) Cost of Service Analysis Jonathan Boone: report only; no action;
 - 3) Sponsorship Agreement with Rocky Mount Event Center Kelvin Yarrell: *report only; no action*;
 - 4) Internal Audit Committee Charter Rochelle D. Small-Toney: approval given to move forward with final preparation of the Resolution for the June agenda and advertising for the Internal Auditor position;
 - 5) Edgecombe Community College Purchase Option Agreement Peter Varney: *authority given for further negotiations with Edgecombe Community College and for the City*

- Attorney to refine the Memorandum of Agreement for consideration by Council at a City Council meeting in June 2018;
- 6) Planning Board Meeting Summary JoSeth Bocook: report only; no action;
- 7) Belmont Lake Preserve Conditional Use Permit Peter Varney: report only; no action;
- 8) Third Quarter Fiscal Year 2018 Report of Revenue/Expenditures Ken Hunter: written report furnished to Council.
- **A~** Recommended Action: Approve Minutes and Recommendations.
 - 13. Consideration of Ordinance Amending Chapter 16, Sec. 16-81 of the City Code of the City of Rocky Mount to Remove Personal Payment by Finance Director.
- **A~** Recommended Action: Adopt Ordinance.
 - 14. Consideration of a Proposal from the John Hackney Agency for Property and Liability Insurance Services for Fiscal Year 2019:
 - Primary Carrier: Travelers Insurance Company insurance program not to exceed \$1,275,000 (overall 7% increase)
- **A~** Recommended Action: Approve Proposal.
 - 15. Consideration of Resolution Allowing the Mayor and City Manager to Sign the Audit Committee Charter Setting Forth the Purpose, Responsibilities and Membership of the Internal Audit Committee.
- A~ Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution.
 - 16. Consideration of Resolution Approving Application for KaBoom! Grant for Aycock Park (certifies matching funds available \$8,500).
- A~ Recommended Action: 1) Authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to Execute the Application/Letter of Intent and Any Other Necessary Documentation; and
 - 2) Adopt Resolution (authorizes staff to submit application).
 - 17. Consideration of Certification by the City Clerk of the Sufficiency of Petition Submitted for Annexation No. 312 Fellowship of Praise Church of God/3201 Benvenue Road (noncontiguous) and Scheduling a Public Hearing.
- A~ Recommended Action:1) Adopt Resolution of Certification of Sufficiency of Petition for Annexation (sufficient);
 - 2) Adopt Resolution Scheduling Public Hearing for August 13, 2018; and
 - 3) Instruct Department of Development Services to Prepare Feasibility Study.
 - 18. Consideration of Declaring Certain Personal Property (Altec model AM50, 55' working height bucket truck) Surplus and Authorizing Disposal by Donation to Nash Community College to be used in their Electric Lineman Training Program.
- **A~** Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution Declaring Property Surplus and Authorizing Donation.

- 19. Consideration of Task Order Nos. 5 and 6 on Contract with The Wooten Company for Engineering Services Related to Sewer Pump Station Projects (adds study of Goldrock Pump Station [\$14,900] and evaluation of replacement of Webb's Pump Station [\$15,975]).
- A~ Recommended Action: Approve Task Orders and Authorize the Mayor to Execute the Same on Behalf of the City.
 - 20. Consideration of Sponsorship Agreement with Sports Facilities Management, LLC Relative to the Rocky Mount Event Center.
- A~ Recommended Action: Approve Contract and Authorize the Mayor to Execute Same on Behalf of the City.
 - 21. Consideration of Contract with CH2M Hill North Carolina, Inc. (Jacobs Engineering Group) for a Cost of Services Analysis for the Water, Sewer and Stormwater Utilities (\$179,000).
- A~ Recommended Action: Approve Contract and Authorize the Mayor to Execute Same on Behalf of the City.
 - 22. Consideration of Contract with Freese and Nichols, Inc. for Hypochlorite Conversion Projects at the Tar River Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant and Tar River Reservoir Water Treatment Plant (includes preliminary and final design, bid and award phase assistance and construction and startup assistance \$137,875).
- A~ Recommended Action: Approve Contract and Authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to Execute Same on Behalf of the City.
 - 23. Consideration of the Following Bids:
 - a. Tubular Steel Structures for Pole Replacement award to Trinity Meyer Utility Structures, LLC @ total cost of \$169,802; and
 - b. Rocky Mount Event Center Catering Items award to Edward Don & Company @ total cost of \$504,082.78
- A~ Recommended Action: 1) Award Bids as Recommended;
 - 2) Authorize the Purchasing Division to Issue Purchase Orders in Accordance with the Council's Award.